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554 Wealth, of course, gives a certain kind of
•434 prestige and, at the same time, provides an additional cause of resentment. But differences in wealth cannot play an extremely important role in the society, since the national income is very evenly distributed among the population. No Finns have big incomes by American, British or even Swedish standards. The annual average income per person, children included, was in 1949 about 80,000 Finnish marks, or less than 500 dollars. On the other hand, there are very few really poor people either. The worst off are the owners of small farms in the districts next to the eastern boundary in the north of Finland, where the soil is meagre and agriculture, as a whole, a hazardous undertaking. But there are no slum areas in the cities, and beggary is non-existent.